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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, JO, SA

SUBJECT: JORDAN DECREES MOBILIZATION

REF: AMMAN 5405

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1. HAVE RESERVATION BOOKED ON 0700 LOCAL FLIGHT TO RIYADH IF DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT I MAKE DEMARCHE WITH SAG. (PRINCE SULTAN PROBABLY WOULD BE BEST POINT FOR INITIAL CALL.)

2. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS MUCH THAT WE CAN SAY (SHORT OF UNVEILING SOME DRAMATIC CEASE-FIRE INITIATIVE) THAT WOULD CHECK SAG'S ALIGNING ITSELF MORE CLOSELY WITH ARAB BELLIGERANTS.

3. IF I WERE TO GO UP, MOREOVER, SAUDIS WOULD PROBABLY BE EXPECTING SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL FROM USG AT THIS TENSE AND SIGNIFICANT MOMENT FOR ARABS. BUT IF AFTER FIVE DAYS OF MOUNTING CIRSIS BEST WE COULD DO IS TO PLEAD
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FOR RESTRAINT, IMPACT OF SUCH AN APPEAL MIGHT WELL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SAG MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT NO DEUS EX MACHINA TO BE EXPECTED; AMERICANS HAVE NOTHING UP THEIR SLEEVE, AND SAUDIS THEREFORE MUST

DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT ACTION IS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO
TAKE. THEIR SUSPICIONS WE STALLING ON BEHALF OF ISRAELIS
WOULD INCREASE.
HORAN

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